Military Strikes Continue Against ISIS Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Aug. 3, Coalition military forces conducted 21 strikes consisting of 26 engagements against ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes consisting of 19 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Abu Kamal, three strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units and destroyed five oil stills, two vehicles, and an IED facility.
- Near Al Shadaddi, one strike destroyed an ISIS weapon cache.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, one strike destroyed a ISIS financial headquarters.
- Near Raqqah, 11 strikes engaged seven ISIS tactical units and destroyed six fighting positions, a mortar system, a vehicle, a VBIED and a supply route.

In Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted five strikes consisting of seven engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Kirkuk, one strike engaged an ISIS tactical unit.
- Near Kisik, two strikes engaged an ISIS tactical unit and destroyed a command and control node, a vehicle, an artillery system and a recoilless rifle.
- Near Tal Afar, two strikes destroyed three ISIS fighting positions, an IED facility and a weapon cache.

Additionally, 40 strikes consisting of 48 engagements were conducted in Syria and Iraq Aug. 1-2 that closed within the last 24 hours.

- On Aug. 1, near Raqqah, Syria, 17 strikes engaged 13 ISIS tactical units, destroyed two staging areas and an ISIS headquarters; and damaged a VBIED factory.
- On Aug. 2, near Abu Kamal, Syria, two strikes destroyed an ISIS IED factory and two oil stills.
- On Aug. 2, near Raqqah, Syria, 20 strikes engaged 11 ISIS tactical units and destroyed six fighting positions, two supply caches, a tactical vehicle, a tunnel, a VBIED factory, and a command and control node.
- On Aug. 2, near Kisik, Iraq, one strike illuminated an area.

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These strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to destroy ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The destruction of ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria also further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct external operations throughout the region and the rest of the world.

This Coalition strike release contains all strikes conducted by fighter, attack, bomber, rotary-wing, or remotely piloted aircraft, rocket propelled artillery and ground-based tactical artillery.

A strike, as defined in the Coalition release, refers to one or more kinetic engagements that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect in that location. For example, a single aircraft delivering a single weapon against a lone ISIS vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of ISIS-held buildings and weapon systems in a compound, having the cumulative effect of making that facility harder or impossible to use. Strike assessments are based on initial reports and may be refined.

CJTF-OIR does not report the number or type of aircraft employed in a strike, the number of munitions dropped in each strike, or the number of individual munition impact points against a target. The information used to compile the daily strike releases is based on 'Z' or Greenwich Mean Time.

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